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NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

1 September 1977
IC-77-4609

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Foreign Intelligence Board

VIA : Acting Vice Chairman, National Foreign Intelligence Board

FROM : Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Attendance at International Conferences

1. (S) Action Requested: That you sign the attached memorandum to NFIB which indicates your commitment to the President's effort to limit attendance at overseas meetings and sets forth the criteria that you expect the Community to follow.

2. (S) Background: At your request the Executive Secretary asked each member of NFIB to review and evaluate its agency's participation in international conferences for the past year. The members' responses are appended for your information.

(S) The consensus appears to be that the conferences which require NFIB approval for attendance have been productive and are worth continuing for several reasons:

a. The informal exchange between analysts is valuable for developing and maintaining channels of communications between friendly governments,

b. The conferences expose analysts and analysis to different perspectives and provide useful insights into our allies' knowledge and attitudes on subjects of mutual concern,

c. The conferences give our analysts the opportunity to defend their reasoning in the presence of knowledgeable colleagues, and

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d. International meetings allow U.S. participants to benefit from the often specialized analysis that other countries with more limited focus pursue.

(S) NFIB has a mechanism for reviewing U. S. participation in Community-wide conferences which are scheduled only when information warrants a meeting. This review ultimately requires your approval both for holding the meeting and for the composition of the U. S. delegation.

3. (C) Recommendation: That you reaffirm the NFIB review process and the necessity for careful review of IC participation in international conferences by signing the attached memorandum which stresses both points.



Walter Elder

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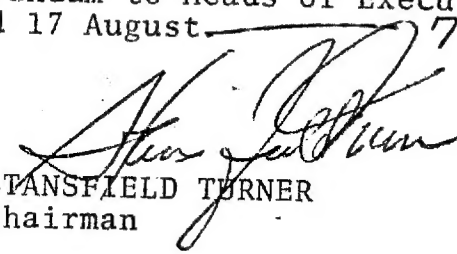
MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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STAT 1. [] The President has urged that because of the substantial cost involved, each executive department review carefully attendance by Federal employees at conventions, symposia and conferences, particularly those meetings held overseas.

STAT 2. [] At the NFIB meeting on 5 July, I initiated a review of intelligence Community participation in international conferences to which each of you contributed. That study is now complete. I am satisfied that NFIB procedures for review of participation in Community-sponsored conferences are sound and have held U.S. attendance at overseas meetings to a minimum.

STAT 3. [] Therefore, I am directing that NFIB continue to scrutinize attendance at Community-sponsored conferences. I urge each of you, before submitting proposals to the Board for review, to apply the guidelines for employee participation in symposia and conferences suggested by the Office of Management and Budget in Director Lance's Memorandum to Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments dated 17 August.


STANSFIELD TURNER
Chairman

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Walter Elder
Executive Secretary, NFIB

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